

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q105599

Michio ONO

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Group Art Unit: 1796

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Examiner: MOORE, MARGARET G

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PROTON-CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL AND FUEL CELL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for U.S. Patent Nos. 5,211,877 and 4,388,453.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant provides an English language abstract for JP '285. Further, Applicant notes that US '453 is an English language counterpart for JP '123. The listed

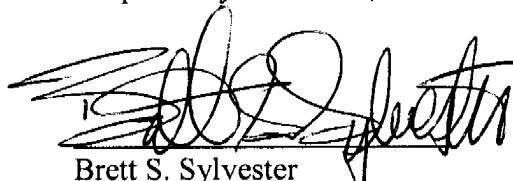
documents were cited in a Japanese Official Action dated November 6, 2007 on the corresponding Japanese application.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Final Office Action, but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant hereby authorizes the USPTO to charge Deposit Account No. 19-4880 the statutory fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). A Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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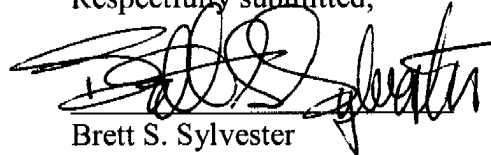
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed  
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